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The forces of Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another crime against the Palestinian people with the barbaric killing of three Palestinian teenagers in the Gaza Strip. On Sunday, 30 December 2001, three Palestinian boys, Mohammed Al Madhoun, Mohammed Lubad and Ahmed Banat, were attacked by Israeli tank fire and then apparently were beaten, tortured and stabbed to death with knives.

Initially, the Israeli army claimed that the three boys had opened fire on one of its military vehicles, but then retracted that statement, claiming they were carrying a bag thought to be explosives and thus the Israeli soldiers decided to hit them with tank fire. Such disparate statements reveal deceit in Israeli accounts of this incident. Moreover, when the bodies of the boys were finally handed to the Palestinian side today — four days since the killings — medical examinations confirmed that, in addition to the shrapnel wounds, the victims had been stabbed probably while alive and that heavy objects were used to crush the heads or a vehicle had run over the bodies.

Since the statement by President Arafat on 16 December 2001, calling for a complete cessation of all military activities, the Israeli occupying forces have killed 20 Palestinians. These killings have occurred at a time when no Israelis have been killed. Further, Israeli troops raided additional areas under Palestinian control at least nine times during this period and abducted at least 50 Palestinians. These incessant Israeli violations clearly reveal that it is the Israeli side that is not taking serious and necessary steps for a cessation of violence in order to calm the dangerous situation on the ground. On the contrary, the Israeli Government persists with its military assault against the Palestinian people as it continues to perpetuate the violence and continues to evade implementation of the Mitchell recommendations.

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Israeli war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people must cease. Israel, the occupying Power, cannot be allowed to continue to blatantly violate international law and international humanitarian law with impunity. The international community must bear its responsibilities in this regard. It must do so before more innocent lives are lost and before this volatile situation worsens and destabilizes the entire region.

In follow-up to my previous 86 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 December 2000 to 26 December 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474/S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239 and A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261), I regret to inform you that 10 more Palestinians, including the 3 mentioned above, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2001 to 842 martyrs. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 3 January 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Saturday, 22 December to Monday, 31 December 2001)

Saturday, 22 December 2001

Wissam Majdy Muhareb (died from wounds sustained on 12 December 2001)

Monday, 24 December 2001

Jamil Mohammed Hamad Abu Atwan

Wednesday, 26 December 2001

Waleed Kamal El Sa'ady

Sunday, 30 December 2001

1. Nejood Mohammed Ghoneim
2. Mohammed Abdel Rahman Al Madhoun (17 years old)
3. Mohammed Ahmed Mahmoud Lubad (17 years old)
4. Ahmed Mohammed Banat (17 years old)

Monday, 31 December 2001

1. Ismail Abdallah Abu Al Qomsan
2. Ali Asaad Mihana
3. Mahmoud Mohammed Saleh

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 842.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his government fail to run out of dangerous and malicious declarations, measures and allegations directed against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority. These are reflective of a policy bent on blocking any attempt to end the violence, including implementation of the Mitchell recommendations, and destroying any potential for real peace between the Palestinian and Israeli sides. While Israel, the occupying Power, continues committing war crimes and State terrorism, it also continues to spread accusations of terrorism, to use its military force to prevent the movement of the elected President of the Palestinian Authority, to invent preconditions for implementation of the Mitchell recommendations and to spread unfounded stories aimed at undermining the credibility of the Palestinian Authority.

I would like to refer to the letter by the Israeli Permanent Representative on 4 January 2002 (A/56/766-S/2002/25), which contains the infamous allegation with regard to the "50 tons of offensive weapons" aboard a "ship bound for the Palestinian Authority". The Israeli story defies logic and any common sense. No sane person could imagine this quantity of weapons to be successfully smuggled into Gaza through the many serious barriers, including the Israeli naval siege, irrespective of any talks of floating devices and the like. Neither could any sane person imagine the possible use of weapons such as Katyusha rockets against Israel from a place such as Gaza, without catastrophic results. Furthermore, no sane person can imagine in the circumstances this sort of "military cooperation" between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Palestinian Authority, which have both denied any involvement.

Several credible sources and reports have indicated that the shipment might have been going to a totally different destination and that the ship might have been loaded in the port of Dubai and not just off the coast of Iran as Israel alleges. As for the presence of Palestinians aboard the ship, including the Captain, the Palestinian Authority has already established a committee to investigate the matter, taking into

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consideration the serious questions raised about the behaviour of the Captain. The Palestinian Authority has called for the cooperation of all interested parties, and that includes Israel, irrespective of its erratic and suspicious behaviour on that matter.

In follow-up to my previous 87 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 4 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261 and A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18), I also regret to inform you that two more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2001 to 844 martyrs. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Friday, 4 January, to Wednesday, 9 January 2002)

Friday, 4 January 2002

Nael Tahseen Ramadan

Wednesday, 9 January 2002

Shadi Ahmad Mussalim (from wounds sustained on 15 December 2001)

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 844.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, committing still more war crimes and state terrorism. Before dawn yesterday, 10 January 2002 (Palestine time), approximately one dozen Israeli tanks, accompanied by bulldozers, entered Rafah refugee camp in Gaza, demolishing and seriously damaging homes belonging to Palestinian families. According to United Nations officials, 54 homes were completely destroyed, leaving more than 500 Palestinians homeless. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East reports that nearly 200 homes have been demolished in repeated incursions into Rafah refugee camp during recent months. In the early morning hours of today (Palestine time), Israeli bulldozers tore apart, for the second time, the runway of Gaza International Airport. Furthermore, during the past 48 hours, Israeli occupying forces and special units raided several Palestinian homes and locations, abducting a number of Palestinians.

We hold Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his Government fully responsible for the above-mentioned and other actions, especially those constituting war crimes and State terrorism, committed against the Palestinian people. Those actions indicate even more clearly that the Government of Ariel Sharon wishes to ensure the failure of any attempt to end the violence and destroy any potential for real peace in the Middle East.

I write in follow-up to my previous 88 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 9 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-

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Today, Monday 14 January 2002, Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another extrajudicial execution, killing Mr. Raed El-Karmi in the city of Tulkarem in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Mr. El-Karmi was killed by a bomb planted near his home and detonated as he was passing by.

Also today, Israeli police demolished nine Palestinian homes in the neighbourhood of Al-Eisaweyah in Occupied East Jerusalem. The demolitions took place in spite of the uproar over the Israeli demolition of more than 54 homes in the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza on Friday, 11 January 2002, that left over 600 people homeless. In this regard, Israeli officials continued with their usual pattern of lying. The spokesmen for the army and the Prime Minister, as well as the Minister of Defence and the Prime Minister himself, partook in falsifying the facts by minimizing the number of houses destroyed, asserting that they were uninhabited, and finally also claiming that the houses hid smuggling tunnels. Furthermore, Mr. Sharon tried to use this horrible action to suggest the establishment of a buffer zone between Gaza and Egypt.

During the last two to three days, Israeli occupying forces shelled and destroyed several small vessels belonging to the Palestinian naval police while they were docked in a small harbour in Gaza City. Also, the Israeli occupying forces sent their tanks and bulldozers again to Gaza International Airport to ensure a huge amount of destruction of the airport.

All of the above-mentioned Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and other atrocities affirm once more that Mr. Ariel Sharon and his Government want only to pursue the military confrontation and to destroy any chances for real peace in the region. It is also highly regrettable that all of this is taking place without the necessary reaction by the international community and, even worse, with what could be considered as encouragement by some quarters. This must end, and the

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occupying Power must be held accountable before the Middle East region loses all hope.

In follow-up to my previous 89 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 11 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39 and A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48), I regret to inform you that the killing of Mr. Raed Karmi raises the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 845 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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In the dark, early morning hours of today, Israeli F-16 warplanes attacked the Palestinian city of Tulkarem, destroying the governor's headquarters, reducing it to rubble. A Palestinian policeman was killed in the attack and more than 50 Palestinians were injured, including three who remain in serious condition.

Also today, in the city of Ramallah, Israeli occupying forces were reinforced and Israeli tanks and armoured vehicles moved to locations within only 30 yards of President Yasser Arafat's headquarters, intensifying the Israeli siege of both the city and the Palestinian Authority. Israeli occupying forces also fired live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas at Palestinian demonstrators in Ramallah, injuring several people, with at least one person in serious condition.

These attacks by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people severely undermine the tenuous and fragile ceasefire, which had been declared by President Arafat in a serious effort to bring calm to the dangerous situation on the ground. Even prior to the actions taken today by the Israeli forces, and prior to the attack that took place in Hadera, which was unequivocally condemned by the Palestinian Authority, the Israeli army deputy chief, General Moshe Yahalon, threatened an escalation of Israeli force by threatening the reoccupation of areas under the control of the Authority. The General has been quoted as stating on 17 January, "The army could be led to return to sectors it withdrew from after the Oslo Accords". Such statements reaffirm the notion that the Israeli government of Mr. Ariel Sharon is neither interested in calming the situation nor in a ceasefire, but is clearly more interested in continuing its assaults against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority and causing more deaths, injuries and destruction. This has been clearly documented in our previous letters to you detailing the ongoing Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and other violations in the weeks since the declaration of this most recent ceasefire.

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In follow-up to my previous 90 letters to you regarding the continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 14 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48 and A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58), it is my regret to inform you that since my last letter to you the Israeli occupying forces have killed 2 more Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) With these killings, the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 now totals 847 martyrs. Regrettably, the number of Palestinians injured, many seriously, by the Israeli occupying forces also continues to rise. The Israeli government must be held accountable for all of these killings and injuries and all of the destruction it has wreaked throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*
(Thursday, 17 January 2002, to Friday, 18 January 2002)

Thursday, 17 January 2002

1. Khamees Ahmed Ali Abdallah

Friday, 18 January 2002

1. Jamal Al Aswad

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 847.

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At dawn today (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces reoccupied the entire Palestinian city of Tulkarem. The occupying Power used dozens of tanks and armoured personnel carriers backed by helicopter gunships to reoccupy the city and to encircle the two adjacent refugee camps. At least two Palestinians were killed, several were injured and a number of persons were abducted by Israeli occupying forces while a curfew was imposed on the city.

In the city of Ramallah, Israeli occupying forces maintained their deep incursion in the city, keeping their tanks and personnel carriers no less than 40 yards from the headquarters of President Yasser Arafat. Today, one Palestinian was killed and several were injured in the past forty-eight hours.

Also, at dawn on Saturday, 19 January 2002 (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces destroyed the headquarters of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation in southern Ramallah. Several Israeli tanks encircled the building while Israeli soldiers stormed it, planted explosives and then detonated them, destroying the five-story building and setting it ablaze.

The above reflect the decision of Mr. Ariel Sharon and his government to continue with their bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people and to continue to commit Israeli war crimes and State terrorism. These actions have reached an unprecedented criminal level aimed at not only destroying the Palestinian Authority and any potential for peace but also destroying whatever is left of the Palestinian infrastructure in order to inflict maximum suffering and agony on the Palestinian people.

The international community must stand up to these Israeli war crimes and State terrorism. We call on the Security Council to take the necessary measures to bring all Israeli actions against the Palestinian people to an end.

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In follow-up to my previous 91 letters to you regarding the continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 18 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880, A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918, A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928, A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932, A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941, A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971, A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989, A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991, A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007, A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024, A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036, A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084, A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092, A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118, A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149, A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166, A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239, A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126, A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18, A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39, A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48, A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58 and A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89), it is my regret to inform you that since my last letter to you the Israeli occupying forces have killed four more Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) With these killings, the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 now totals 851 martyrs. Regrettably, the number of Palestinians injured, many seriously, by the Israeli occupying forces also continues to rise.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 18 January 2002, to Monday, 21 January 2002)

Friday, 18 January 2002
(in addition to name of martyr included in last letter dated Friday, 18 January 2002)

1. Faraj Nazal Shouman
2. Mohammed Ali Joudah (16 years old)

Monday, 21 January 2002

1. Khaldoun Fares Ma'arek
2. Hussein Mohammed Al-Zubeidi

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* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 851.

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The Israeli occupying forces continued today to kill, injure, abduct, destroy and terrorize in the ongoing bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. Early today, Israeli occupying forces, backed by tanks, entered Al Majeen neighbourhood in Nablus, raiding a building and killing four Palestinians. The killings represent the latest extrajudiciary executions of Palestinians by Israel, adding to the innumerable war crimes being committed by the occupying Power on a daily basis.

During the raid in Nablus, the Israeli occupying forces also abducted nine Palestinians. In addition, Israeli forces abducted 12 other Palestinian civilians throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory today, including 2 from the village of Zaatara near Bethlehem, 2 from the village of Idna near Al-Khalil, 7 from the town of Hizma near occupied East Jerusalem and 1 from the village of Katana near Ramallah. These abductions, as well as the above-mentioned raid, were carried out in residential neighbourhoods, further intensifying the prevailing fear among the Palestinian civilians as a result of the countless acts of State terrorism committed by Israel.

At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continue to destroy homes, buildings and other civilian infrastructure during the attacks, assaults and raids being carried out throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In this regard, according to a statement issued by the European Commission today, over the past year Israel has wrought damage worth 14.5 million euros (US$ 12.8 million) to Palestinian projects funded by the European Union (EU). A comprehensive list of the extensive physical destruction inflicted by attacks of the Israeli occupying forces on EU-funded development projects includes, inter alia, damage to the Palestinian airport and seaport, civil police camps, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, two schools, a forestry project, a counter-terrorism forensic laboratory, and sewerage, irrigation, road and housing projects.

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All of the above-mentioned Israeli actions are in violation of international law and international humanitarian law and serve only to further exacerbate the already volatile situation and make the existence of a ceasefire between the two sides virtually impossible. Indeed, it is the incessant violations by Israel, the occupying Power, that clearly perpetuate the cycle of violence. This is an integral part of the Israeli Government's decision to continue with its bloody military campaign, including war crimes and State terrorism, against the Palestinian people. These actions have reached an unprecedented criminal level aimed at not only destroying the Palestinian Authority and any potential for peace, but also destroying what is left of the Palestinian infrastructure in order to inflict maximum suffering and agony on the Palestinian people.

In this regard, I wish to refer to the letter dated 16 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/774-S/2002/73). First, the Palestinian Authority has repeatedly called for a ceasefire in order to end the cycle of violence. It is the occupying Power that has refused to adhere to the ceasefire and has repeatedly contravened it. Moreover, illegal Israeli settlers have continued to commit acts of violence and destruction against the Palestinian people, increasing their suffering and misery under occupation. Second, it must be reiterated that the presence of Israeli settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is illegal under international humanitarian law, namely, the fourth Geneva Convention, which is applicable to all the territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem. The settlers are actively engaged in the colonization of the Palestinian Territory and their presence in and of itself represents a war crime committed by the occupying Power. Accordingly, the deeds and safety of the settlers remain the ultimate responsibility of the occupying Power.

In follow-up to my previous 92 letters to you regarding the continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 21 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-

S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; and A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95), I regret to inform you that since my last letter to you the Israeli occupying forces have killed a total of five Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 856 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Monday, 21 January 2002, to Tuesday, 22 January 2002)

Monday, 21 January 2002

Omar Mahmoud Wahdan (in addition to the martyrs named in the letter of 21 January 2002)

Tuesday, 22 January 2002

1. Naseem Abu Alrous
2. Karim Mufarjah
3. Jasser Sumarou
4. Yussef Al Sarkaji

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 856.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to militantly pursue its policy of extrajudiciary executions compounding the countless war crimes and acts of State terrorism against the Palestinian people for which it must be held responsible.

Yesterday, 24 January, the Israeli occupying forces assassinated another Palestinian man in Khan Yunis, Gaza by attacking his car with missiles fired from a helicopter gunship. The Israeli occupying forces confirmed the attack and the intention to kill the man, Baker Hamdan. Two other Palestinian men were seriously wounded in that attack as well. This extrajudiciary execution represents the fifth assassination of a Palestinian carried out by the Israeli occupying forces in just the past four days, in addition to other killings, injuries, abductions and destruction incurred by the occupying forces in that time period.

These incessant, violent actions by the Israeli occupying forces have destroyed the ceasefire and re-ignited the cycle of violence between the two sides, exacerbating the already perilous situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. It must be reiterated that these actions by the occupying forces reveal the true intentions of the Israeli government of Mr. Ariel Sharon to destroy any potential for the two sides to return to peace process negotiations by ceaselessly attacking the Palestinian people, the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian infrastructure.

The international community cannot stand idly by while the Israeli occupying forces continue to carry out this bloody and brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian leadership. The international community, particularly the Security Council, should uphold its responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of peace and security as the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory worsens and seriously threatens to destabilize the region as a whole. Moreover, it is utterly irresponsible for coverage to continue to be provided by some quarters for such Israeli positions and actions and even Israeli war crimes.

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On another front, I wish to make reference to the assassination yesterday in Beirut, Lebanon, of a former Christian militia leader, Elie Hobeika, who was killed in a car bombing. Lebanese sources have indicated that his murder seems to be linked to information regarding the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in 1982 during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the responsibility of Mr. Ariel Sharon in this regard. It seems not coincidental that Mr. Hobeika was killed at a time when he has revealed possession of this information to Belgian authorities with regard to the pending case in Belgian court against Mr. Sharon for genocide and crimes against humanity in connection with the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

In follow-up to my previous 93 letters to you regarding the continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 22 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95 and A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102), I regret to inform you that since my last letter the Israeli occupying forces have killed four more Palestinians including the above-mentioned extrajudiciary execution. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 860 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 25 January 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Thursday, 24 January 2002)

Thursday, 24 January 2002

1. Baker Hamdan
2. Riyad Sa'idi Ali Al Khatab
3. Jihad Al Qasas
4. Ismail Al Saeedi

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 860.

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In an interview published on Thursday, 31 January 2002, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that Israel should have killed the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat 20 years ago in Beirut when the city was under Israeli siege. Mr. Sharon said, "In principle, I am sorry that we did not liquidate him." This dangerous and condemnable statement comes while Israeli occupying forces continue to impose a siege on the headquarters of President Arafat on top of the siege imposed on the whole Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. According to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, 72 permanent Israeli checkpoints exist in the West Bank and 9 exist in the Gaza Strip. This is apart from the virtual isolation of many Palestinian cities, villages and refugee camps.

Today, the Israeli Minister of Tourism, Benny Elon, threatened to "transfer" the Palestinians. Mr. Elon was quoted as saying, "We must not fear bringing up again the idea of a transfer and of open discussion of the various possibilities that it offers." Mr. Elon, his predecessor and their party openly advocate such racist policies of ethnic cleansing and transfer of the Palestinian people.

On the other hand, Israel continues with its illegal actions in and around occupied East Jerusalem. The office of the Prime Minister issued a statement on implementing a plan to "ring Jerusalem". The plan will include trenches, fences, blockades and other measures. It will broaden the sphere of the illegally enlarged municipal boundary to include additional adjacent areas in the West Bank, such as Abu Dis, to serve as a "buffer zone". At the same time, Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its settlement activities in the city and other illegal actions in places like Bab Al-Amoud and Burj Al-Laqlaq. All of this, of course, is aimed at enforcing the judaization of the city and at preventing the establishment of the capital of Palestine in East Jerusalem.

All of the above present additional evidence of the policies of Ariel Sharon and his Government, which are aimed at destroying any potential for peace and

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destroying the Palestinian Authority along with whatever is left of the Palestinian infrastructure. The international community must stand up to such Israeli policies and positions and must put an end to Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and other atrocities committed against the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to my previous 94 letters to you regarding the Israeli bloody military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 22 January 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102 and A/ES-10/142-S/2002/121), I regret to inform you that since my last letter the Israeli occupying forces have killed eight more Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 868 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Friday, 25 January through Thursday, 31 January 2002)

Friday, 25 January 2002

1. Samer Kasbah (16 years old) (died from wounds sustained earlier)
2. Ra'ed Fayez Al-Agha
3. Ahmed Abdelwahab Abdelhady
4. Akram Sadeq Barbakh (died from wounds sustained earlier)

Saturday, 26 January 2002

Nassar Hassan Abu Salim

Sunday, 27 January 2002

Ayoub Muhsen Hameed

Thursday, 31 January 2002

Tamer Mohammed Hassan Kashour (17 years old) (died from wounds sustained earlier)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2002 is 868.

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Committing further grave breaches of international humanitarian law, the Israeli occupying forces carried out the extrajudiciary executions of five Palestinians early yesterday morning in Gaza. Four of the Palestinian men were killed instantaneously, when the car in which they were riding exploded on a road between Rafah and Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip. The fifth man died later of wounds sustained in the explosion.

Initially, the Israeli army denied involvement in the killing of the men. Later, however, the army confirmed that the Israeli occupying forces had in fact carried out their assassinations. Clearly, Israel neither has abandoned, nor has any intention of abandoning, its illegal policy of extrajudiciary execution, and it continues to pursue this policy recklessly and militantly. The savage murder of these five Palestinians must be added to the long and growing record of war crimes and State terrorism committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people in over three decades of brutal military occupation. This list of crimes has grown exponentially in recent months due to the illegal and barbaric policies and practices of the Israeli Government of Ariel Sharon.

Furthermore, it is clear that Mr. Sharon's Government has no intention of observing any kind of ceasefire or calming the volatile situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and preventing its further deterioration. On the contrary, the policies and actions of the Israeli Government seek to incite and escalate the violence and intensify the crisis. Moreover, it appears as though this recent extrajudiciary execution by the Israeli occupying forces was carried out in part in an effort to provoke a Palestinian response timed to coincide with Mr. Sharon's visit to Washington, D.C., in order to further strengthen his hand against the Palestinian people and leadership.

Meanwhile, the Israeli occupying forces continue to commit countless other serious violations and crimes in the ongoing bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people. The excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli army

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led to the killing of a 15-year-old Palestinian boy on Friday as well as the killing of an elderly Palestinian man yesterday. Also yesterday, Israeli helicopter gunships attacked a Palestinian metalworks plant in Gaza, causing heavy damage to the facility. These actions, in conjunction with all of the above, corroborate evidence of the policies of Mr. Sharon and his Government, which aim at destroying any potential for peace and destroying the Palestinian Authority along with whatever is left of the Palestinian infrastructure. We reiterate that the international community must stand up to such Israeli policies and positions and must take measures to bring an end to Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and other atrocities being committed against the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to my previous 95 letters to you regarding the Israeli bloody military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 1 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2000/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; and A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, the Israeli occupying forces have killed a total of seven Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 875 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*
(Friday, 1 February, through Monday, 4 February 2002)

Friday, 1 February 2002

Loai'Mousa Adeely (15 years old)

Monday, 4 February 2002

1. Mahmoud Ali Mustafa
2. Ibrahim Jarbou'a
3. Ayman Al Bahdary
4. Majed Abu Muamar
5. Mohammed Fayez Abu Sunimah
6. Nasser Abu Azerah

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 – 875.

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After midnight on Tuesday, 12 February 2002 (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces, using tanks and armoured personnel carriers, invaded the Palestinian towns of Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahyia, Deir Al-Balah and the Jabiliyah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli occupying forces shelled several Palestinian buildings and facilities and used tank-mounted machine guns, causing many casualties and vast destruction. In Deir Al-Balah, three Palestinian policemen were killed when tanks shelled their positions. Also today, two more Palestinians were killed in Beit Hanoun, where the occupying forces appear to be entrenching for a prolonged stay.

All of the attacks carried out by the Israeli occupying forces have been in residential Palestinian neighbourhoods, putting the lives of the civilian population in grave danger. Moreover, not only have these attacks caused severe damage and destruction to Palestinian infrastructure, but the Israeli attacks and bombings on 11 February 2002 in Gaza city also caused damage to United Nations offices and injury to two United Nations staff members.

The above-mentioned violent actions committed by the occupying forces seem to further prove that Ariel Sharon and his Government have no intention of calming the volatile situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and instead seem only to be interested in escalating the violence and compounding the destruction. The international community cannot stand idly by while the list of war crimes, State terrorism and other atrocities committed against the Palestinian people by Israel, the occupying Power, continues to grow exponentially. The Security Council must uphold its responsibilities with regard to the maintenance of peace and security as the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues to worsen and seriously threatens to destabilize the region as a whole.

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In follow-up to my previous 96 letters to you regarding the bloody Israeli military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 5 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2000/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; and A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter the Israeli occupying forces have killed a total of 10 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings raise the number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 885 martyrs.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Sec rity Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 13 February 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

(Wednesday, 6 February, through Wednesday, 13 February 2002)

Wednesday, 6 February 2002

Fadi Tayseer Al-Azazmah (16 years old)

Friday, 8 February 2002

Samer Abu Mayalah (15 years old)

Monday, 11 February 2002

Mahmoud Mohammed Kabajah (from wounds sustained on 3 February 2002)

Tuesday, 12 February 2002

1. Tarek Hassan Hindawy
2. Taha Ribhi Taha Abu Suneninah (from sustained wounds)

Wednesday, 13 February 2002

1. Khaled Abu Sittah
2. Abdel Hakim Al-Hasanat
3. Shady Al-Hasanat
4. Sari Abu Shunar
5. Unidentified

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 885.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, committing still more war crimes and State terrorism. In the early morning hours of today, 15 February 2002 (Palestine time), Israeli occupying forces used tanks, armoured personnel carriers and bulldozers to enter several Palestinian towns, destroying a Palestinian home and destroying Palestinian farmland. Moreover, in Saida, a Palestinian town to the north-east of Tulkarem in the West Bank, Israeli occupying forces committed yet another extrajudicial execution, killing Mr. Anwar Awni Abdel Ghani. Also today, Israeli F-16 warplanes attacked a Palestinian security compound in the Jabilaya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, killing one Palestinian officer and injuring many other Palestinians, some of them critically.

All of the above-mentioned Israeli war crimes and acts of State terrorism affirm yet again that Mr. Ariel Sharon and his Government want only to pursue the path of military confrontation, escalating the violence and compounding the human losses and physical destruction. We reiterate that the international community must stand up to such Israeli policies and practices and must take measures to bring an end to Israeli war crimes, State terrorism and other atrocities committed against the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to my previous 96 letters to you regarding the bloody Israeli military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 13 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116;

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A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118, A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2000/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; and A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165), I regret to inform you that the above-mentioned killings raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 887. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 February 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a]

(Friday, 15 February 2002)

1. Anwar Awni Abdel Ghani
2. Abdel Salam Yunis

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 887.

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The toll of death and destruction in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues to rise with the incessant attacks by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people, the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian infrastructure. In recent days, the violence by Israeli forces against Palestinian targets has sharply intensified in a vicious cycle of reprisals and recriminations ordered by the Israeli government of Mr. Ariel Sharon. The Israeli attacks have been carried out by all means of heavy weaponry, including tank shelling, machine-gun fire, naval bombardments and missiles fired from helicopter gunships and F-16 warplanes.

Overnight, Israeli occupying forces bombarded and raided Gaza city from air, land and sea for more than five hours, terrorizing the Palestinian population and destroying a number of civilian and official buildings and attacked the official compounds of President Yasser Arafat in Gaza city and Ramallah where he remains under military siege. Israeli occupying forces also committed other attacks in Palestinian cities in the West Bank, including Nablus, Jenin and Ramallah.

All of the above-mentioned attacks by the Israeli forces resulted in the killing of Palestinian civilians, including at least two children, and the injury of dozens, some critically wounded. Further, these attacks have been carried out in civilian areas, including crowded refugee camps, gravely endangering the lives of many other Palestinian civilians. The assaults in Gaza caused the deaths of 5 Palestinian security officers, while the assaults in Nablus caused the deaths of 10 Palestinians, including 7 Palestinian policemen and 3 youths, and the attacks on Ramallah killed 2 Palestinians. These attacks follow Israeli assaults carried out over the past few days, which have caused the deaths of other Palestinian civilians, including three children, and widespread destruction throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

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In addition to the killings, the Israeli forces have abducted more than 20 Palestinians in raids in the Occupied Territory. Moreover, tightening the closures and restrictions on movement, as of today the Israeli army has prohibited all Palestinian movement between Palestinian cities, towns and villages, confining the entire Palestinian population and preventing all types of socio-economic activities, virtually suffocating the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to my previous 97 letters to you regarding the grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 15 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129, A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154, A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173, A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185, A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206, A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247, A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7, A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33, A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50, A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101, A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131, A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156, A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175, A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189, A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209, A/ES-10/65-S/2001/225, A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239, A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255, A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284, A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295, A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304, A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314, A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332, A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352, A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372, A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418, A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432, A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447, A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463, A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471, A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479, A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486, A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496, A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504, A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508, A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544, A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586, A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605, A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629, A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657, A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669, A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686, A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697, A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708, A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717, A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742, A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754, A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783, A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785, A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798, A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812, A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814, A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821, A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826, A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880, A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918, A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928, A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932, A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941, A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971, A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989, A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991, A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007, A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024, A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036, A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084, A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092, A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118, A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149, A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166, A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239, A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126, A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18, A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39, A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48, A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58, A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89, A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95, A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102, A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121, A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142, A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146, A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165 and A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, the intensification of the bloody Israeli military campaign has indeed caused a dramatic increase in the number of deaths and serious injuries among the Palestinian people.

As the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues to seriously deteriorate with increasing death and destruction being wrought by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority, it is incumbent upon the international community to address the crisis situation. The United Nations Security Council bears particular

responsibility in this regard and must uphold its duties for the maintenance of peace and security. We therefore call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider this grave situation and to take immediate action. Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable for all the human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism it is committing against the Palestinian people.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues to dramatically deteriorate owing to the brutal Israeli military assault being carried out against the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority. Today, the Israeli occupying forces persisted with fierce land, air and sea attacks against Palestinian targets throughout the Occupied Territory, including, inter alia, against several police and security installations in Gaza, Nablus, Jenin and Ramallah and official compounds of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in both Gaza City and Ramallah. More tragic than the vast destruction being wrought on the Palestinian infrastructure by these Israeli attacks, has been the resulting rise in the Palestinian death toll. In just the past two days, the Israeli forces have killed more than 25 Palestinians. This current wave of death and destruction being inflicted upon the Palestinian people by the occupying army is the direct result of orders by the Israeli Government of Ariel Sharon.

Further, for the first time, early today, Israeli troops and tanks entered Gaza City. During the incursion, the occupying forces attacked with machine-gun fire and also blew up a television transmission tower, knocking Palestinian radio and television stations off the air. An Israeli incursion was also made into the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza, with the Israeli occupying forces killing 5 Palestinians, wounding more than 35 people and demolishing a home.

In addition, the Israeli occupying forces further tightened the siege and closure imposed on the entire Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the prohibition of any Palestinian movement between cities, towns and villages. Israeli soldiers at roadblocks and checkpoints throughout the Occupied Territory repeatedly fired shots at cars and even at pedestrians trying to cross on foot. The siege has not only cut off the Palestinian people from the outside world but also isolated them in their towns and villages, preventing them from carrying out even the most basic daily activities.

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This has gravely intensified the socio-economic hardships being suffered by the entire Palestinian population on the eve of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

In follow-up to my previous 99 letters to you regarding the grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 20 February 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/126; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; and A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182), I regret to inform you that, since my letter to you on 15 February 2002, Israeli occupying forces have killed 40 Palestinians, including men, women and children, raising the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 927. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires

Annex to the identical letters dated 21 February 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*

(Saturday, 16 February, through Thursday, 21 February 2002)

Saturday, 16 February 2002

1. Masoud Abu Jalala
2. Hassan Al-Sakran
3. Nader Al-Masri
4. Nazih Abu Sidah

Sunday, 17 February 2002

Nael Lutfi Fakir

Tuesday, 19 February 2002

1. Laila Kattawi
2. Salaheldin Farraj
3. Miriyam Al-Bahiysa
4. Muna Al-Bahiysa (10-year-old daughter of Miriyam Al-Bahiysa)
5. Abdel Wahat Al-Najjar
6. Mohammed Al-Kaseem
7. Eyad Abu Saffiyeh
8. Mohammed Ali Hamdan
9. Ali Abu Rukba

Wednesday, 20 February 2002

1. Ibrahim Al-Ali
2. Mahmoud Al-Abeet
3. Ibrahim Abu Sarar
4. Mahmoud Al-Titter
5. Ibrahim Abu Ash
6. Mahmoud Mutluck Issa
7. Yasser Al-Masdar (17 years old)
8. Odeh Balounah
9. Mohammed Khalil Al-Najjar
10. Fuad Shittayah
11. Zahi Zawatyeh
12. Mahmoud Al-Ashkar
13. Ghanim Barham
14. Zuheir Akil

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 928.

15. Mohammed Al-Hashash
16. Mohammed Abu Mirsal (17 years old)
17. Khalil Miskawi
18. Issam Abu Ramdan
19. Shkeir Samra

Thursday, 21 February 2002

1. Raed Mohammed Abu Luli
2. Mohammed Al-Nims
3. Ehab Abdel Wahab
4. Bassim Al-Asaf
5. Mahmoud Abu Taha
6. Sameer Abu So'ud
7. Walid Khalid Al-Sheikh